

April 4, 2008

Ms. Natalie Chandler  
The Clarion-Ledger  
201 S. Congress Street  
Jackson, MS 39201

Dear Natalie:

In response to your public records request dated March 18, 2008, regarding the salaries of the Governor and his office's five highest paid employees, including their names and titles, I am providing the following information:

- The Governor's salary is \$122,160 per year;
- Paul Hurst, Chief of Staff, \$140,000 per year;
- Jim Perry, Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Policy, \$125,000 per year;
- Neely Carlton, Legislative Affairs and Counselor, \$111,200 per year;
- Colby Lane, Chief Counsel, \$111,200 per year;
- Bryan McDonald, Director of the Office of Recovery and Renewal, \$102,000 per year (all paid from federal funds).

We have determined there will be no charge to The Clarion-Ledger for compiling this information. Thank you for your request.

Sincerely,

Buddy Bynum  
Director of Communications